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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of
Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc

F. L. Terry
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AT 10:00

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of Kellie Kidd, certifying that Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Company makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Kellie Kidd
Information Systems Analyst

Encl.

cc: **Ms. Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company**

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Kellie Kidd, Information Systems Analyst of Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the Information Systems Manager of the Company;
2. The Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state;
3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
5. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2004 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature: Kellie Kidd

Date: 9/29/03

Print Name: Kellie Kidd

Title: Information Systems Analyst

State of Tennessee, County of Jefferson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee,

on this day personally appeared Kellie Kidd, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of September, 2003.

My Commission expires 8-21-07.

Cheryl J. Rice
Notary Public

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